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TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING
SECRETARY, 1905.

To the President and Members of the Columbia Historical Society:

The Recording Secretary submits this, the *Twelfth Annual Report*, beginning with the 77th meeting, January 9, 1905, and ending with the 83rd meeting on December 11, of the same year.

The Secretary's mailing list shows 8 resignations, 5 deaths and 10 new members during the year, making a total of 271 names carried on the Society's list of members.

The Board of Managers has held 9 meetings, at which the average attendance has been 10. The Society has held 7 meetings in the Banquet Hall of the Hotel Shoreham, at which the average attendance has been 71, a much better showing than last year, when the average was but 55. Seven historical communications were made to the Society and its guests and 33 persons discussed the different subjects presented.

A new feature in volume 9 of *The Records*, published this year, is the addition of three interesting reprints of scarce and early pamphlets concerning the District of Columbia. One of these reprints is enriched by the half-tone reproduction of a miniature likeness of Tobias Lear, Secretary to George Washington.

On the 22nd of February, the Society was entertained at a luncheon given at the Shoreham by Vice-President Hagner to "commemorate the Birthday of the Father of his Country."

The Board has lost the wise counsels of Professor McGee because of his appointment as Director of the Public Museum in St. Louis. He is a charter member and has been one of the managers in its Governing Board ever since its organization. But though compelled to sever his connection with the Board,

Professor McGee retains his membership and interest in the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mr. M. I. Weller, reports that all letters have been promptly answered and information furnished whenever requested, though often involving many hours of patient research.

Faithfully,

MARY STEVENS BEALL,
Recording Secretary.

January 8, 1906.